

S.B. Watson Cottage (Wheeler Cottage)
297 Belmont Street
Worcester
Worcester County
Massachusetts

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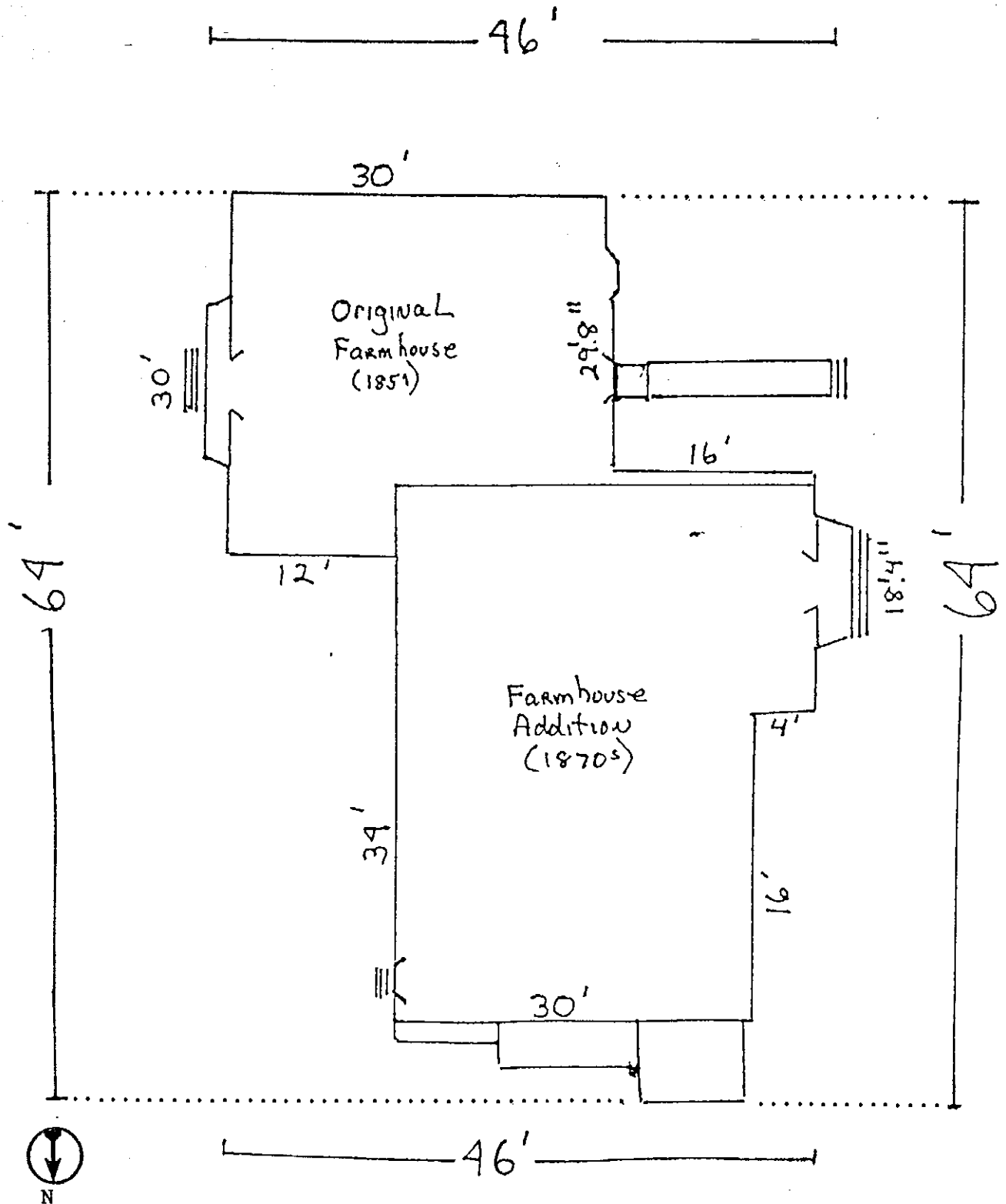
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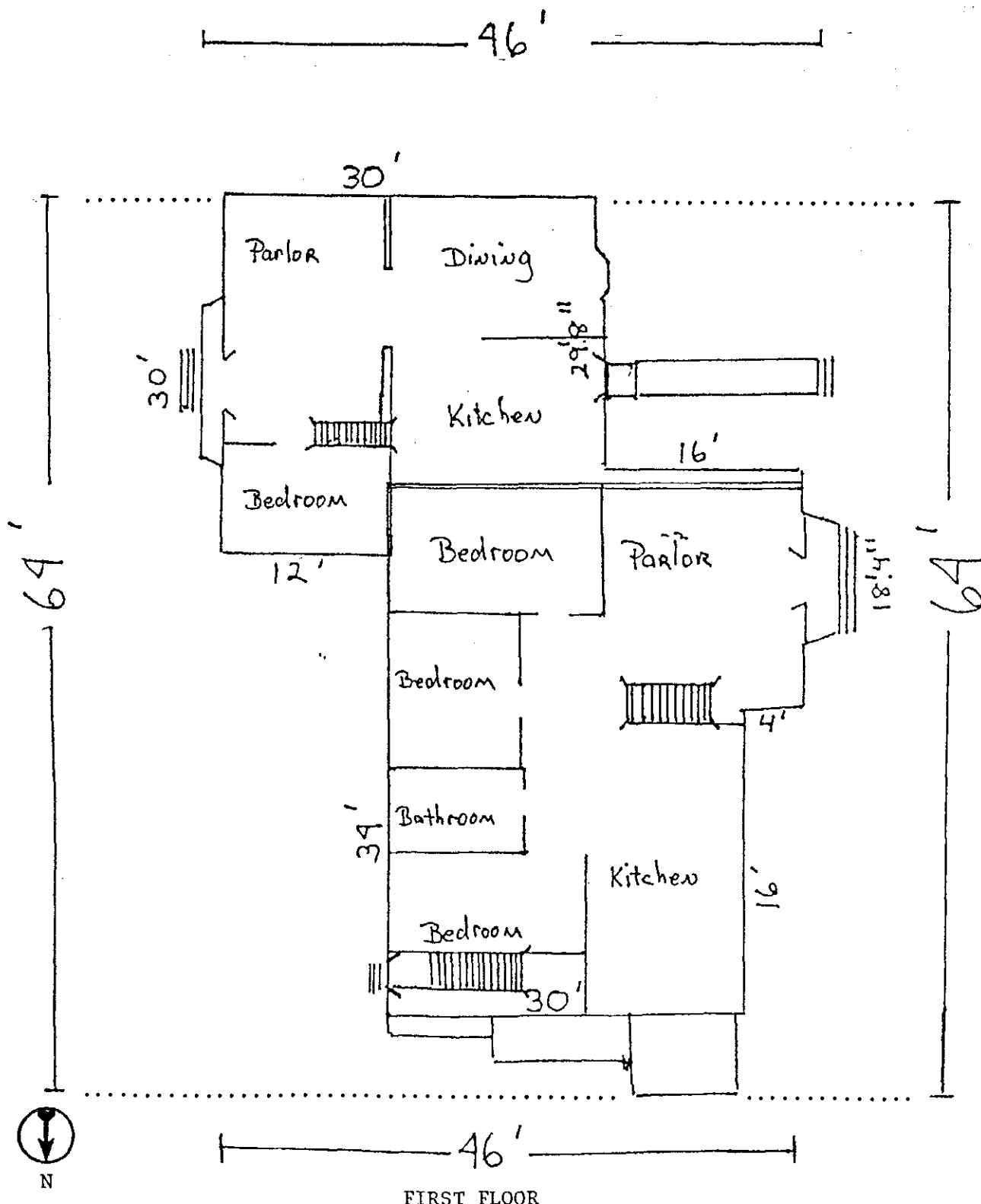
ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Worcester	TOWN OR VICINITY Worcester
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) S.B. Watson Cottage [Mass. Historical Commission (MHC) Form 92-A-1]		HABS NO. MA-1213
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Wheeler Cottage		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 297 Belmont Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01604		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) [1851 MHC Form 92-A-1]		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Original farmhouse, owned by S.B. Watson, purchased by Commonwealth of Mass. in 1870's for use as housing for Worcester State Lunatic Hospital staff. Part of Multi-Resource National Register Property.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) One and one-half story, side hall plan Greek Revival Style with 2-story gabled roof addition.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood structure with wood construction.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See attached sketch plans.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Symmetrical facade (east) on which a center entry is flanked by bay windows. Facade is framed by pilasters and an entablature/cornice. Associated with 269 Belmont Street (Henry Prentice Cottage), both of which were purchased for staff housing purposes during Hospital Construction period (1874-1877).		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See attached sketch plans.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In 1870's, after purchase by State, a two story, gabled roof, addition was constructed to provide housing for hospital staff.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant, dilapidated, boarded structure		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE According to local and State historic officials, S.B. Watson Cottage does not contribute to historic national register complex in a significant manner.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Massachusetts Historical Commission - Form No. 92-A-1 - National Register Nomination Worcester Heritage Preservation Society - National & State Register Sponsor		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Michael S. Latka, Director City Manager's Office of Planning & Community Development		DATE June, 1988

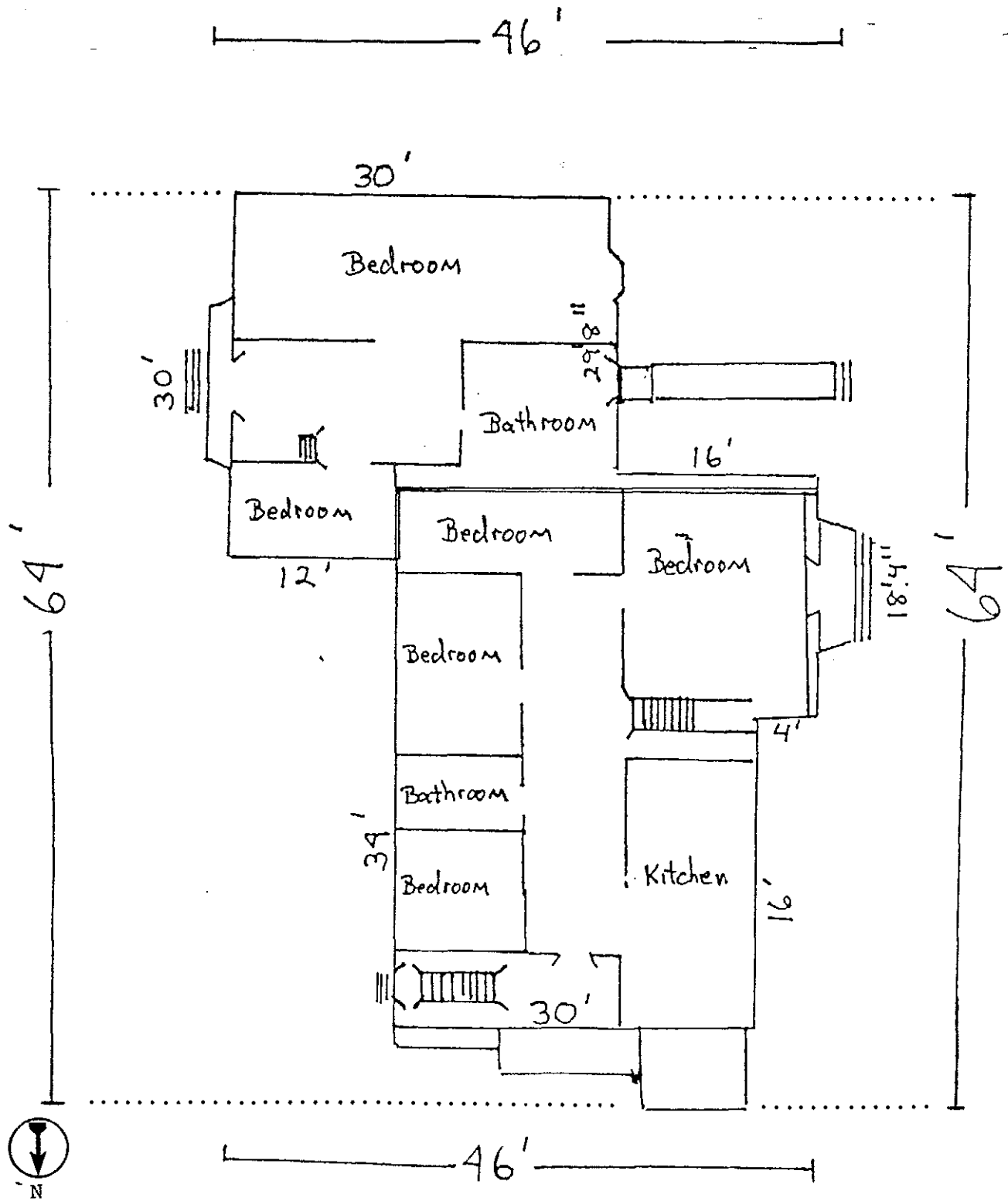
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